

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Under the Agreement, payments are linked to despatch reliability and aircraft availability.

(c) and (d). A similar agreement has been signed with Air India Employees' Guild and a similar schemes made applicable to Air India Officers' Association. Negotiations are under way with other organisations.

(e) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Increase in Air Fares

*307. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA :
SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the increase made in the air fare during the period from 1990 till date;

(b) whether the Government propose to further increase the air fare; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the extent to which it is likely to be increased?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) The range of fare increas from India effected by Air India and Indian Airlines in various international sectors from 01.09.90 onwards is indicated below :-

Period	Increase in Percentage	
01 January 90 - 30 March 90	5.0	- 17.7
01 April 90 - 30 June 90	4.0	- 19.0
01st July 90 - 30 Sept. 90	4.54	- 27.54
01 October 90 - 31 Dec. 90	2.0	- 10.0
01 January 91 - 30 March 91	7.0	- 7.0
01 April 91 - 30 June 91	3.0	- 20.0
01 October 91 - 31 Dec. 91	3.0	- 11.4
01 January 92 - 30 March 92	3.0	- 3.0
01 April 92 - 30 June 92	5.0	- 15.0
01 July 92 - 30 Sept.92	10.0	- 10.0
01 October 92 - 31 Dec. 92	15.0	- 15.0
01 January 93 - 30 March 93	8.5	- 8.5
01 April 93 - 30 June 93	15.0	- 26.5
01 July 93 - 30 Sept.93	15.0	- 15.0
01 Jaunary 94 - 30 March 94	4.6	- 6.5
01 April 94 - 30 June 94	3.0	- 20.0
01 July 94 - 30 Sept. 94	3.0	- 20.0
01 April 95 - 30 June 95	0.90	- 9.86
01 July 95 - 30 Sept 95	2.40	- 2.40
01 October 95 - 31 Dec. 95	10.00	- 15.40
January 96 - 30 March 96	3.40	- 20.00
April 96 - 30 June 96	10.00	- 15.00

Fare increase effected by Indian Airlines in domestic sectors is as under :-

Date	Increase in percentage
11.4.1990	15.7
26.9.1990	10.0
07.10.1991	20.0
02.10.1992	9.0
13.09.1993	15.0
25.7.1994	Average 15% (from 10% - 20%)
15.6.1995	Dollar fare revised Differential of INR fare and dollar fare fixed at 15% (dollar fare to be 15% more than the INR fare).
1.10.1995	Average 20% (from 12% - 23%)
1.1.1996	Dollar fare revised by 20%.

(b) and (c). Airlines are free to fix the fares on domestic sectors in their own commercial judgement keeping in view the increase in input costs and the impact on traffic. as regards international fares, the increases are initially discussed and agreed by the airlines at the Tariff Co-ordinating Conference of the International Air Transport Association (IATA and implemented with the approval of the respective Governments. Such review of international fares is undertaken by IATA for different sectors from time to time.

Import and Export of Sugar

*308. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the logic behind the import or export of sugar during 1994-95;

(b) the resultant loss/profit to the country due to the above imports/exports;

(c) whether the Government propose to cancel the import contracts keeping in view the losses suffered, if any;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether responsibility has been fixed for such losses;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?